GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DISPOSAL OF PASSPORT APPLICATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passports issued by passport offices in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the average time taken by these offices in issuing passports;

(c) the number of applications pending for passports in these offices from more than six months; and

(d) the steps taken or likely to be taken to dispose of these applications expeditiously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

a) The number of passports issued in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are as follows:

	1997	1998	1999
Tamil Nadu	1,67,294	2,69,355	3,37,103
Andhra Pradesh	2,65,622	243066	262998

b) At present these offices are issuing passports on an average in a period of 5 to 7 weeks.

c) No applications are pending for more than six months in which the documents are complete and the police report is clear.

d) All passport offices contact the applicants at the stated addresses to complete the application forms. This process is undertaken on two occasions at least before the files are closed. In cases of negative police report an opportunity is given to the applicant to resolve the issue so that such cases are expeditiously dealt with.